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Exceedingly Modest.

We find in the last *Saturday Gazette* the following:

Another school meeting was held last Monday evening at the Central school. The public having been fully apprised of it and of its great importance, through the Editorial columns of the *Gazette*, no notice having been furnished for publication by the Clerk's a large attendance was had.

The BLOOMFIELD RECORD received and duly published the notice aforesaid, as is well known, thus insuring its wide publication, throughout the length and breadth of the township. We have good reason to believe the School Trustees recognized the RECORD as the official paper of the town.

The object of inserting a notice or advertisement in a newspaper is that the people who read the paper may see it. It transpired in the discussions at a former school meeting, that a gentleman saw a notice of the meeting in the *Record* but failed to find it in the *Gazette*, although it was in it, but so badly printed and inconspicuous that he did not find it. We thought at the time, we could easily make a point of this, in our report of that meeting, but abstained from doing so at that time.

We afflde to it now, as our neighbor so modestly takes to himself the entire credit of furnishing the last school meeting with attendants. We have striven hard to give the people of Bloomfield a prompt and reliable newspaper, and are glad to see that our efforts are appreciated and our paper recognized as the paper of the town. We claim for the BLOOMFIELD RECORD what we place at the head of its Editorial column—have claimed it from the start but never considered it necessary to display it in black type until we saw the late issue of the *Gazette*.

As to what follows in our neighbor's article on the "Bloomfield School Meeting" we shall not comment upon it, for the simple reason that comment is unnecessary. The RECORD last week published a report of that meeting, and the *Gazette* has given its version or rather perverseness, thereof.

Heavy Defalcation.

The financial sensation of the week is the defalcation of F. L. Taintor, Cashier of the Atlantic National Bank of New York city, to the tune of \$400,000. He was arrested on Saturday, having confessed his guilt. He stated that when he entered the Atlantic Bank, finding that it was weak, he undertook to make it strong and reputable by successful ventures on the Stock Exchange. Unfortunately the ventures were not successful, and he had gone on from bad to worse for a period of five years, until in February he had lost an immense sum, by the decline in Pacific Mail and other stocks, making a probable total of \$400,000, or \$10,000 more than the capital of the bank. The bank was kept open till 3 p. m. as usual on Saturday, but was subsequently thrown into bankruptcy and taken possession of by the United States Bank Examiners.

The Evening Mail comments upon this case: "As for the punishment of Taintor, will he get what he deserves? Unless he does, let us have a jail delivery at once, and let out hundreds of poor wretches who have stolen a pittance to save them from starvation, who have never betrayed trusts, and who have inflicted but slight damage upon the interests of society. This business of defaulting has culminated in Taintor's case.

He stands for all there is bad in it, and the degree of his punishment will measure the efficiency of our system of law to protect society from one of its worst classes of foes—the men who betray and ruin their employers and benefactors.

The East River Bridge.

The Brooklyn tower of the East River Bridge is reaching such an altitude as to completely throw in the shade the buildings in the neighborhood which once loomed over surrounding structures. The contract has just been given for supplying the stone for the tower above what is known as the "springing line" of the arch, to reach which some fifty feet of masonry, previously under contract, will have to be completed. This fresh contract is for 6,800 cubic yards of stone. Seventy thousand tons of masonry will be used in the towers, and 30,000 tons of masonry, 4,200,000 feet of timber, and 380 tons of iron in sheathing and bolts, in the caissons, forming a total weight of 48,000 tons, and a grand total weight of 113,000 tons in the entire structure.

The Brooklyn tower is now 150 feet above highwater mark, and the work is going on upon the three towers which rise from the main body, on a level with the roadway of the bridge. Each of these towers is now 40 feet in height; both are being added to at the rate of about four feet a week. The outer upper towers become narrower as they approach completion; they are 48 by 24 feet at the base. A great saving of material is effected by this graduation. The centre tower is 48 by 15 at the base. There were also introduced, as a specialty, some choice poetical readings.

The programme opened with an organ voluntary of Stanton's, by Mr. Chas. Van Der Werken, which was followed by a brilliant piano duet, executed by Misses Aggie Sanxay and Anna Suedeker. Next came a Solo by Mr. John Chambers. This was "Captain Jenks," who appeared in regiments. The song was well sung, and the soldierly bearing of the antie Captain elicited much applause.

Dr. J. B. Pitt contributed a flute solo from Verdi, in Il Trovatore, also a violin solo—the "Valklide." Both pieces were well executed.

Next on the programme was a reading by Miss Anna Sanxay, the "Legend of Bergenz." This was given with marked ability and pleasing effect. The audience were enchanted throughout by the artistic interpretation of her subject by this gifted young lady. She was enthusiastically encored, and then read, most touchingly, the "Irish Woman's Letter." There was a depth of pathos in this reading that went directly to the hearts of the audience.

A bass solo, called "The Sexton," was given by Mr. Nelson Hayes, who sang excellently.

A brilliant trio from "Martha" was executed on the piano by Miss Aggie Sanxay and Messrs Van Der Werken and Chambers.

Next came the delightful reading, "Archie Dean." Abounding in emotive impulse and of bewitching personnel, Miss Beardale made a capital rendition of this chaste love poem, and captivated her listeners, especially a certain impressible young man, who shall be nameless.

The piano solo entitled "Memory" was exquisitely rendered by Miss Anna Suedeker.

"Kaiser's Dog," by Mr. E. Van Der Werken, who appeared in Tietonic costume, was a happy hit, full of jovial good humor.

The programme concluded with a burlesque quartette by Messrs Chambers, Kennedy, Hayes and Jarvis, who appeared in negro costume: "Parson Sambo," "Deacon Cuffy," "Elder Caesar" and "Sex."

The audience comprised mainly the personal friends of the members of the society, residing in Bloomfield, and a few from outside the village. Among these were Miss Rio, from Brooklyn, who is a fine pianist, and by request favored the Society and audience with one or two of her happiest performances.

Of home notables there were not a few present, known in politics, music and literature. A brief but very pleasant interval succeeding the last portion of the programme, was spent in informal and extempore speech-making, the ball having been set in motion by the jovial Dr. Kennedy of Westminster Church. The last speaker was Mr. J. H. Chambers, who held the attention of the audience until adjournment to the dining hall was declared to be in order, whether everybody repaired to take each an active part in a certain performance not mentioned on the programme. Ample justice was done to the choice viands provided for the occasion.

Taken all in all, the Harmonic was conceded to be a grand success. At a reasonable hour guests and performers separated for their homes, well pleased with their rationals and very pleasant evening's entertainment.

Communicated.

EDITOR BLOOMFIELD RECORD:—My attention was called to an article published by the editor of the so-called *Saturday Gazette*, upon the change made at the depot in Bloomfield and commenting upon me, stating that the people would no doubt be glad of such a change. I wish, through the columns of your newspaper, which seems to be devoted truly to the side of right and justice, to refute the uncalled-for article in question, and lay before the public the true feeling of the people in regard to me. I have been spoken to by many of the prominent citizens of Bloomfield in regard to their getting up a petition for my reinstatement in my former office, which honor I most respectfully declined, having been engaged by the Western Union Telegraph Co. I was assured that I could obtain the signatures of 90 per cent of the people of Bloomfield in my favor, which assurance was very gratifying. Considering the principle upon which the *Gazette* was published, and the professed religious views of its editor, it is surprising that an unkink sentiment of the nature of the article alluded to, should appear in its columns. I think there are subjects more worthy the consideration of an editor, and causes more necessary to be agitated, than the attempt to injure a young man. I have been assured however, of the kind feeling of the people toward me, and the article in question will work to the injury of its culminators and to my personal good.

By inserting this refutation in your valuable local paper, you will confer a favor and satisfy a desire, not only of myself, but several prominent citizens of the town.

KYSER KING.

Bloomfield, April 28th, 1873.

Get posted on neighborhood, township, county, State and general news by subscribing for the BLOOMFIELD RECORD.

Local Column.

Bloomfield Harmonic Society.

Through the courtesy of its members we were invited to be present at the opening convention of this young but promising society, which took place on Monday evening. Hon. J. F. Sanxay, of Belleville Avenue, kindly threw open his residence for the occasion and with his proverbial geniality, ably seconded by his charming family, was unremitting in his attention to the comfort of the audience, enlivening the interludes and pauses between the exercises by his accustomed and ever timely witcisms. The programme comprised a well arranged variety of instrumental and vocal music. There were also introduced, as a specialty, some choice poetical readings.

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temperance—The annual meeting of the Temperance Society connected with the Bloomfield Presbyterian Church was held on Monday evening in the Lecture Room. The principal business transacted was the election of officers for the ensuing year, and the following named gentlemen were chosen: President, Dr. D. B. Coe; Vice Presidents, Hon. Amzi Dodd, Jacob F. Randolph, Secretary and Treasurer, James P. Jones; Executive Committee, E. W. Page, Wm. P. Lyon, Thomas McGowen, C. Palonot, H. A. Ventres. Member, ex-officio, Rev. Chas. E. Knox.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That we heartily approve the action of our pastor in preaching to his people on the subject of temperance, and command the views so felicitously and forcibly presented in his sermon last Sabbath morning, anticipating with much interest the supplementary discourse on next Sabbath.

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